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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: USLO SPACE PROBLEM: GATES-CHIAO MEETING MAY 15

1. AT END OF COURTEST CALL MAY 15 ON FOREIGN MINISTER CHIAO KUAN-HUA, USLO CHIEF BRIEFLY AND IN GENERAL TERMS RAISED USLO'S OFFICE AND APARTMENT SPACE PROBLEM, NOTING THERE WERE BOTH SHORT-TERM AND LONG-TERM ASPECTS. CHIAO, TURNING TO MFA PROTOCL DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR CHU CHUAN-HSIEN, SUGGESTED THAT USLO CHIEF DESIGNATE AN OFFICER TO PURSUE THIS QUESTION WITH CHU'

2. COMMENT:: AMBASSADOR GATES HAD THUS PLACED HIS PERSONAL CONCERN ABOUT PROBLEM ON RECORD WITH FOREIGN MINITER. CHIAO CLEARLY WAS RESISTING DISCUSSION OF SUBJECT AT HIS LEVEL, BUT AMBASSADOR CAN RAISE IT WITH HIM AGAIN IF RESULTS OF FURTHER DISCUSSIONS AT LOWER LEVEL MAKE THIS ADVISABLE.

3. OUR DISCUSSIONS OF ISSUE SINCE NOVEMBER HAVE ALL BEEN WITH DIPLOMATIC SERVICES BUREAU HEAD HUS HUANG OR HIS SUBORDINATES. (DSB IS UNDER PEKING REVOLUTIONARY COMMITTEE,) WE ARE SURPRISED BY CHIAO'S ASKING THAT WE URSUE ISSUE WITH PROTOCOL DEPARTMENT (RATHER THAN AMERICAN DESK) BUT WE WOULD EPXECT, AFTER AMBASSADOR GATES HAS HAD CONFIDENTIAL

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MORE TIME TO EXAMINE OPTIONS, TO ASK APPOINTMENT FOR DEPUTY

CHIEF TO DISCUSS WITH DIRECTOR CHU.

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